FOR: REGISTRATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYISTS

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, many individuals and businesses seek to influence the decisions of the Executive Branch of government relating to policies, procurement, and other business;
- **WHEREAS**, the Executive Branch decisions that these individuals and businesses seek to influence involve the expenditure of billions of taxpayers' dollars and the operations of all aspects of government;
- WHEREAS, it is important that Executive Branch business be conducted in the most transparent manner possible, so that citizens have full information about efforts directed at influencing Executive Branch policies and procurement, including funds expended by private individuals and businesses in an effort to influence these matters; and
- **WHEREAS**, the General Assembly already has undertaken a similar process to register persons who lobby the General Assembly by establishing the Lobby Registration Commission and procedures for lobbyists to register and report their activities and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. KERNAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration (the "Commissioner") shall promulgate rules requiring registration for individuals who lobby the Executive Branch in order to influence Executive Branch action (the "Executive Branch Lobbying Rules").
- 2. For purposes of the Executive Branch Lobbying Rules, "lobby" means contacts made to promote, support, influence, modify, oppose, or delay the outcome of an Executive Branch action by direct communication with designated Executive Branch officials and employees.
- 3. The Executive Branch Lobbying Rules shall require such lobbyists to report their lobbying activities to the Commissioner on at least a semi-annual basis.
- 4. The Commissioner shall be authorized to create enforcement mechanisms for the Executive Branch Lobbying Rules to the extent permitted under applicable law.
- 5. The Commissioner shall submit proposed Executive Branch Lobbying Rules for inclusion in the Indiana Register no later than July 5, 2004.
- 6. Nothing herein shall restrict the Commissioner's authority, through the rulemaking process, to promulgate the Executive Branch Lobbying Rules with such definitions, standards, and requirements as the Commissioner deems to be in the best interests of public policy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I "**Joseph E. Kernan**, have herewith set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 27th day of April, 2004.

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Joseph E. Kernan

Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: Todd Rokita

Secretary of State